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The Fertile Crescent Review Sheet

ANCIENT MESOPOTAMIA

Section One: Matching

Key Terms

Match each item with the correct statement below.

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| a. polytheism | f. monotheism |
| b. myth | |
| c. empire | |
| d. exile | |
| e. famine | |

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| _____ | 1. the belief in one god |
| _____ | 2. a story that explains people's beliefs |
| _____ | 3. a time when people starve because there is so little food |
| _____ | 4. many territories and people who are controlled by one government |
| _____ | 5. the belief in many gods |

Key Terms

Fill in the blank by writing the letter of the correct term below.

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| a. alphabet | f. myth |
| b. caravan | |
| c. code | |
| d. famine | |
| e. cuneiform | |

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| _____ | 6. In Mesopotamia, people eventually combined symbols into a script known as _____. |
| _____ | 7. A traditional story, or _____, sometimes tells a legend that explains people's beliefs. |
| _____ | 8. Often, many people starve during a period of _____. |
| _____ | 9. A group of travelers journeying together is called a(n) _____. |
| _____ | 10. Symbols for writing that represent sounds are called a(n) _____. |

Section Two: Multiple Choice

Identify the choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.

Key Concepts

- _____ 11. Civilization developed in the Fertile Crescent because
 - a. the Nile River made it a prosperous area.
 - b. it was an important mining area.
 - c. the area was difficult to defend.
 - d. the rivers there created very rich farmland.

- _____ 12. Cities in Sumer remained politically independent and
 - a. they united under one government.
 - b. they developed into separate city-states.
 - c. they were ruled by one king and queen.
 - d. they were frequently destroyed by floods.

- _____ 13. Babylon became an important center of trade because it was
 - a. located between cities to the south and north.
 - b. ruled by a powerful queen.
 - c. surrounded by massive walls.
 - d. the site of a great library.

- _____ 14. Hammurabi's Code was significant because
 - a. it was part of the oral traditions of Babylonia.
 - b. for the first time, laws were written down.
 - c. everyone in the ancient world followed it.
 - d. the laws applied equally to all citizens.

- _____ 15. The Phoenician alphabet made it easier for people in the ancient world to
 - a. hire scribes.
 - b. learn to read and write.
 - c. teach cuneiform.
 - d. learn cuneiform.

- _____ 16. One of the major events in the history of the Israelites was
 - a. the discovery of cuneiform.
 - b. the conquest of Egypt.
 - c. the settlement of Canaan.
 - d. the founding of Tyre.

- _____ 17. Why did Phoenicia become a thriving and wealthy region?
 - a. The warlike Phoenicians conquered their neighbors.
 - b. Gold was discovered near the city of Tyre.
 - c. Phoenicia controlled access to the cities of Sumer.
 - d. Phoenicians sold valuable wood and dyed cloth to neighboring peoples.

- ____ 18. Mesopotamia was located on land between
- the Nile and Tigris rivers.
 - the Tigris and Euphrates rivers.
 - the Nile and Euphrates rivers.
 - the Red Sea and the Tigris River.
- ____ 19. Each Mesopotamian city-state had its own
- god or goddess.
 - language.
 - culture.
 - symbol.
- ____ 20. What did the Persians spread through conquest and trade?
- disease and slavery
 - a system of writing
 - religion, a system of bureaucracy, and Babylonian science
 - art and architecture
- ____ 21. Where did writing first develop?
- Mesopotamia
 - Assyria
 - Phoenicia
 - Canaan
- ____ 22. One important advantage of the Phoenician alphabet was
- it was only used by the scribes.
 - all the people learned to read and write the symbols.
 - it used only 100 symbols.
 - it was simpler than cuneiform.
- ____ 23. What did the Babylonians and Israelites have in common?
- They both looked for a trade route to the New World.
 - They both destroyed the city of Tyre.
 - They both conquered the Phoenicians.
 - They both lived according to a code of laws.

Section Three: Essay

Please answer the following in paragraph form

Critical Thinking

24. **Expressing Problems Clearly** What were three important contributions made by the ancient peoples living in the Fertile Crescent and the Mediterranean?
25. **Drawing Conclusions** How did the people of Mesopotamia benefit from the physical geography of their region?
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